

slightly through domestication. It is, however, said not to cross in a state of nature with the G-aur.¹

Fia. 166.—Gaval. *Bos frental-is.* x



The Banteng, *J? sondaicus*, is distributed through Chittagong, Tenasserim, and the Malay Peninsula to Java and Borneo. There are apparently two races of this animal. The species differs from the others by the fact that the horns are smaller and more curved; there is a white caudal disc; the forehead is narrower and the skull longer than in the others.

The American Bison and the European Aurochs form another section; they are indeed extremely alike, specific differences being hardly recognisable. The Bison of America, formerly present in such numbers that the prairies were black with countless herds, has now diminished to about a thousand head.

One of the largest of existing Bovidae is the Aurochs, "Wisent, or European Bison, *Bos bonasus* (or *Bison europaeus*). It is exceedingly like its American relative. Formerly the animal was much more widely spread than it is now, extending its range from Europe into North America. It is now limited to certain districts

on the Urals,
 in the Caucasus, and a
 herd of them are kept up
 through the
 fostering care of the
 Emperor of Hussia in the
 forest of Bielovege
 in Lithuania. The term
 "Aurochs" should not really
 be applied to
 this species but to the Wild
 Cattle, *Bos taurus*. It is,
 however, so
 generally used for the
 Wisent (which is the
 German name) that it

¹ See *Præ* Zool- JSoc*, 1890, p. 592,